

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0020] as follows:

When the phosphorylation is conducted using the cellulose II material as a raw material, cellulose II phosphate is obtained while retaining the form of a knitted fabric, a woven fabric or the like as described above. When the phosphorylation is conducted by using cellulose II which is partly carbamidated or by allowing urea to coexist with cellulose II, cellulose II phosphate which is partly carbamidated is obtained. It is to be noted that the degree of phosphorylation may be preferably from 3 to 20% (weight percentage) in terms of phosphorus content, especially from 8 to 20% (weight percentage) in terms of phosphorus content from the standpoint of metal-adsorbing capacity.